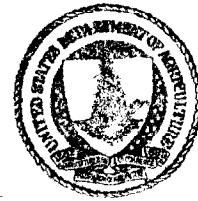




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NEW BULLETIN ISSUED ON GAME LAWS

"Game Laws for the Season 1926-27," the twenty-seventh annual summary of Federal, State, and Provincial statutes relating to game, has been compiled by Talbott Denmead and Frank L. Earnshaw, of the Biological Survey, and published as Farmers' Bulletin No. 1505^{-F} by the United States Department of Agriculture. The outstanding information presented is the summary of laws relating to seasons, licenses, limits, possession, interstate transportation, and sale, for each State and Province, in the form of detailed but concise synopses, which should be highly useful to thousands of sportsmen hunting in their own and other States.

Federal seasons on migratory game birds were changed during the year by amendments to the regulations respecting waterfowl and shorebirds, as follows: The open season on waterfowl, coots, gallinules, and Wilson snipe was changed from the period September 16 to December 31 in Illinois, Indiana, Washington east of the Cascades, and Massachusetts in Nantucket and Dukes Counties to the period October 1 to January 15, and in Kentucky to the period November 1 to January 31; in New Mexico and California the season was changed from the period October 1 to January 15 to October 16 to January 31. The season on doves was changed from the period September 1 to December 15 in South Carolina to October 16 to January 31. The open season on black-bellied and golden plovers was closed for an indefinite period.

Only 11 States have held legislative sessions since the bulletin on the game laws for the season 1925-26 was issued--Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington. The authors of the bulletin state that most of the changes during the year in the laws relating to game have been of minor importance except in Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, and Washington, and that the most significant feature in connection with State legislation on game this year is the absence of provisions setting aside refuges for game animals or birds.

The game-law bulletin is now being distributed to law-enforcement officials, conservationists, sportsmen, and others as an aid in the administration by the Biological Survey of laws protecting migratory birds and regulating interstate commerce in game. Copies of the bulletin can be had, as long as the supply lasts, on application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Hunters are urged to procure also copies of State game laws from their respective State game and conservation officials, a list of whom is given in the new bulletin.

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